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In Iran Keep Your Eye On Communist Kenieri

HERALD-TRIB HEADS AT SHOP TALK LUNCHEON TO TELL PLANS FOR HONG KONG EDITION

By GEORGE WELLER

That clever Iranian Communist Nuriedin Kenieri, secretary of the now fully legalized Communist party Tudeh, whom we fingered in the March 1 *Bulletin*, is beginning to look like the key log in the Iranian log jam. So I've done a follow-up in the hope that some old sleuths among our membership would want to know which way he is riding.

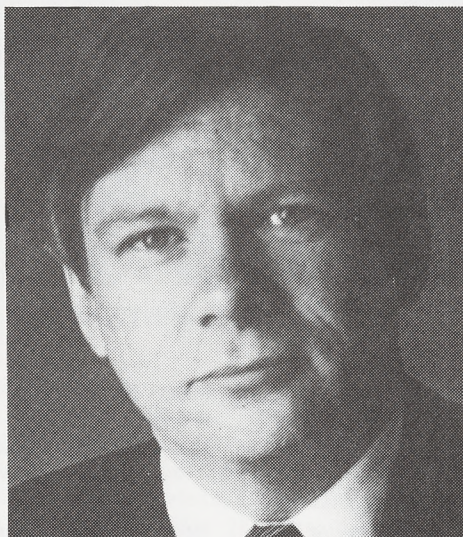
European reporters have since taken to the trail and he has led them to a whole new secret structure that Khomeini has devised to keep his family in control, with the Soviet Union as den mother and safeguard of his failing health. This rich and reverend gentleman, fortified by his many offspring, now operates both Iran's Communist parties — Iran carries a spare, like Afghanistan — as his own unpublicized sub-government. He still denounces Russia-in-Afghanistan, and Communism. He apparently hopes to keep both Iranian Communist parties as family enterprises, like a Texas tycoon.

Who is Kenieri? What is this shadow government that has so far eluded public notice by Washington or the press?

According to the *Frankfurter Zeitung* and the *Milan Corriere della Sera*, two tightly edited and skeptical papers, the sub-government consists of five men, four of them under 27, with Kenieri the least concealed operator. The top three of the team are "princes" of the neo-royal Marxist-Islamic house of Khomeini. Under them are two male commoners and one woman, dutifully veiled but articulate.

The Marxist princes control both Communist parties: the grand old Tudeh, guided by the Soviet embassy since Roosevelt met Stalin in Tehran, and the new backup party, the "Marxist-Leninists", whose name suggests a wink at China.

From a Moscow point of view, their duty is to keep the hostages like a cactus ball in the American armpit, a spurious test of honor intended to enrage Russia's enemies into armed commitment.



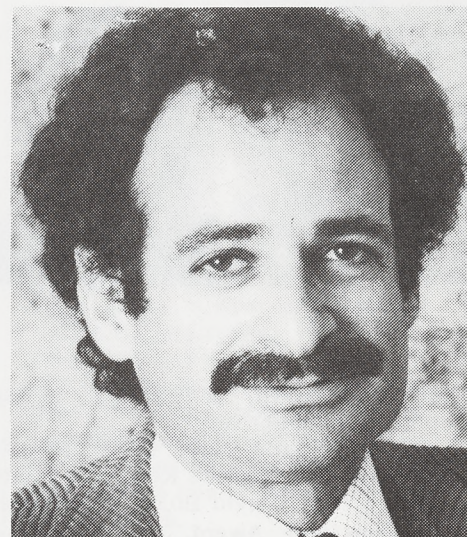
LEE W. HUEBNER

The International Herald Tribune, alive and well in Europe and the Middle East, will soon be doing its thing in the Far East as well.

Plans for its expansion by publishing in Hong Kong as well as in Paris, London and Zurich will be revealed by its publisher and its editor at an OPC Shop Talk luncheon — Wednesday noon, May 14, at the Hotel Pierre, Fifth Ave. at 60th.

Lee W. Huebner, publisher, and Mort Rosenblum, editor and OPC member, are co-hosting the luncheon with the OPC — and will tell how their famous newspaper is responding editorially and physically to growing demand for its services.

Larry Stessin, Shop Talk chairman, will handle the usual Q&A period. Ruth Biemiller, a former New York Herald



MORT ROSENBLUM

Tribune staffer, is coordinating the luncheon.

"To many members of the OPC who at one time or another served in Europe," President Henry Gellermann recalls, "the Herald-Trib, as it was known, had a very special meaning. Not only was it, and still is, one of the world's best written and edited newspapers, but it was also, for many newspaper men and women, a 'home away from home.' Located near the Etoile, off the Champs Elysee, before it moved to its new quarters in Neuilly, it was a place to ask for a job, try to borrow money, cash a check, receive mail, or just drop in for a chat with the staff, for many years under the leadership of the legendary Murray (Buddy) Weiss.

"Since those days many things have changed. How they have changed — and are changing — we will hear first-hand from Lee Huebner and our own Mort Rosenblum. Make your reservations early, as we expect a packed house."

Luncheon tickets — for members, \$12; guests, \$20 — including cocktails. Reservations via Mary Novick, 679-9650.

The story Kenieri and his fellow princes have sold their grandfather to tell Washington is that the embassy hostages cannot be freed until the new Parliament votes their liberation. That attractively democratic solution might last years, for one reason:

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OPC JUDGES FIND PRIZE-WINNING COVERAGE IN ALL MEDIA



Sayid Rizvi



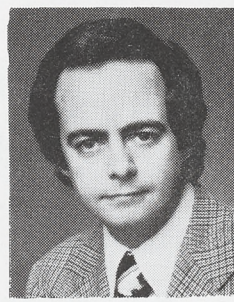
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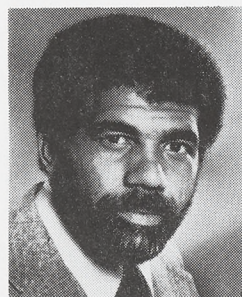
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Ed Bradley



Andrew Lack



Howard Stringer



Walter Isaacson



Donald Neff



Sidney Zion

Hal Boyle Award, for best daily newspaper or wire service reporting from abroad:

Winner: Sajid Rizvi, United Press International
Citations: Thomas Kent, Associated Press
David Boldt, Philadelphia Inquirer

Bob Considine Award, for best daily newspaper or wire service interpretation of foreign affairs:

Winner: Ray Vicker, Wall Street Journal
Citations: William Beecher, Boston Globe
Ronald Ross, Minneapolis Tribune

Robert Capa Gold Medal, for best photographic reporting or interpretation from abroad requiring exceptional courage and enterprise:

Winner: Kaveh Golestan, Time Magazine
Citation: Anonymous, United Press International

Best Photographic Reporting from Abroad:

Winner: David Burnett, Contact Press Images
Citations: Eddie Adams, Associated Press
Jean Pierre Laffont, Sygme
Jay B. Mather, Courier Journal & Louisville Times
Alex Webb, Geo Magazine.

Ben Grauer Award, for best radio spot news from abroad:

Winner: Philip Till, NBC Radio

Lowell Thomas Award, for best radio interpretation of foreign news:

Winner: CBS News, CBS Radio Network

Best TV Spot News Reporting from Abroad:

Winner: Bill Stewart (posthumously), correspondent, and Jack Clark, cameraman
Citation: Tom Fenton and Don Kladstrup, CBS

Edward R. Murrow Award, for best TV interpretation or documentary on foreign affairs:

Winner: Ed Bradley, correspondent; Andrew Lack, producer; Howard Stringer, executive producer; Ian Wilson, cameraman, CBS Reports
Citation: Iran coverage, ABC News Special Events

Mary Hemingway Award, for best magazine reporting from abroad:

Winners: Walter Isaacson and Donald Neff, Time Magazine
Citation: David Butler, Newsweek

Best Magazine Interpretation of Foreign Affairs:

Winners: Sidney Zion and Uri Dan, New York Times Magazine
Citation: Joseph B. Treaster, The Atlantic

Best Cartoon on Foreign Affairs (\$150) New York Daily News:

Winner: Don Wright, Miami News
Citations: Ranan Lurie, Honolulu Advertiser
Clyde Peterson, Houston Chronicle
Jerry Robinson, Cartoonists & Writers Syndicate
Dana Summers, Fayetteville Times
Doug Marlette, Charlotte Observer

Best Business News Reporting from Abroad:

Winner: William Holstein, United Press International
Citation: Bob Dudney, Dallas Times Herald

Cornelius Ryan Award, for best book on foreign affairs:

Winner: Peter Wyden, Simon & Schuster

Madeline Dane Ross Award (\$400), for international reporting which demonstrates a concern for humanity:

Winner: Jean Pierre Laffont, Sygme
Citations: Dennis Trout and John Gudjohnson, WFAA-TV
Peter Arnett, Associated Press

Best Editorial or Editorial Series which most effectively discloses abuse of human rights and thereby lends support to the principle of human rights:

Winner: Paul Heath Hoeffel, New York Times Magazine

Letters

TOKYO — April is the time when new employees are taken into firms in which they will probably spend their entire working lives. Nissan Motor Co. hired more than 2000 and hired a large hall for the indoctrinating "pep" talks. The president of one of the largest supermarket chains in Japan spoke entirely in English to his more than 500 new employees, apparently to impress them with the need to learn English in keeping with the firm's efforts to internationalize.

April is also when the annual high school baseball tournament is held for a week in Osaka. Vast throngs of team supporters flock to Koshien Stadium, business is brisk in the area, and media coverage of the event outpulls almost all other news. Star players have a good chance of being taken up by professional baseball teams. From the game's popularity here it is hard to realize that baseball is an import.

The statistics bureau of the Prime Minister's office came up with a population appraisal for Japan as of the end of 1979 — 116.1 million, giving it the rank of seventh in the world, after China, India, Russia, the United States, Indonesia and Brazil. Tokyo continues to have the largest population, 11.6 million, followed by Osaka, 8.49 million.

Four million Japanese traveled abroad in 1979, 1.3 million to the U.S. and Hawaii, of course. Of the 1,089,341 people who visited Japan in 1979, most were Americans, 256, 507.

—Masahiro Watanabe

NEW YORK — Anent Ed Rosenthal's letter in the April 1 *Bulletin*, he raises a question quite pertinent to our times, namely, why don't Senior Citizens receive a reduced rate of dues.

More and more organizations are substantially reducing such fees, and it seems to many of us that the Board should bring itself into line with the current trend.

—K. Ray Katz

Washington Ticker

WASHINGTON — Fay Gillis Wells, retired White House correspondent for Storer Broadcasting Co., spoke recently at the Air and Space Museum on "Women in Early Aviation." During and following World War II, Fay flew many planes, ferried bombers, and bailed out once, landing in a tree. Other early aviatrixes who spoke were Dr. Dora Strother of Bell Helicopters and Emily Weaver of Frontier Airlines.

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Alfred Friendly, Jr. a former correspondent for the *New York Times* and *Newsweek*, was named press spokesman for White House National Affairs adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski. His father is a former managing editor of the *Washington Post*. Friendly replaced Gerrold Schechter, who moved into the private sector.

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Helen Cronkite was with her son, Walter, when he was "roasted" for two hours at the 36th annual dinner of the Radio and Television Correspondents Association.

ABC news anchor Frank Reynolds said to Walter, "you old goat, we at ABC believe you have earned your retirement. It's long overdue."

After nearly two hours of listening to everyone else talk, Cronkite said, "it's not often that a person gets to address a gathering such as this with distinguished people, who have to go to the bathroom as much as I do."

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The Walter Ridders of the Knight-Ridder newspapers gave a Sunday luncheon before the Gridiron Club repeat performance on Sunday afternoon, which wives and friends enjoyed. Ridder's leg was injured during a Gridiron rehearsal. It was necessary for a substitute to play Republican No. 1 candidate Ronald Reagan.

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Ron Nessen, press secretary to former President Gerald Ford, is senior vice president of Marston and Rothenberg Public Affairs, Inc., with offices in New York City and Washington.

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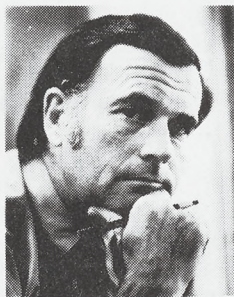
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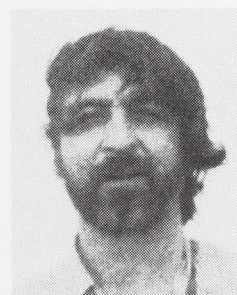
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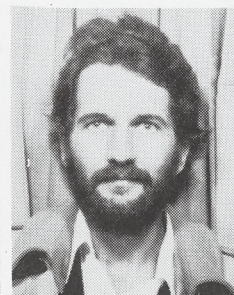
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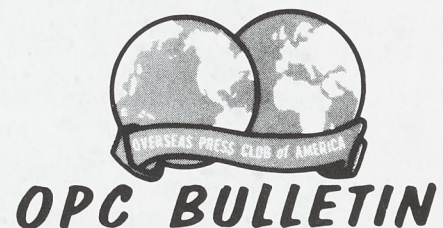
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IRAN (Continued from page 1)

The neo-princes control the students who control the hostages. But their real leverage is over the coming elections, where the city vote of Tehran may be decisive. Scores of floating and fundless candidates have come out of the tenements of the capital, with no party to discipline them. They are ready to serve as "non-Communist" sleepers for Khomeini's two parties, which they consider sanctified by his hidden role.

Of the neo-princes of this neo-Saudi type dynasty "the most important of them is a grandson of the Ayatollah, named Nurieddin Kenieri," says the *Corriere*. But Kenieri, though nobly ecclesiastical, is only the front man for the real secretary, named Iraadsch Iskandani. Not surprisingly, he, too, is "another grandson of Khomeini."

At the top, running the whole operation under tight cover, is the Ayatollah's third son, Hudschat al Islam Hadi Khomeini. He is a key member, presumably ranking Hudschat-man of the backup Communist party, the "Leninist-Marxists."

To wrap up the prospects of the 50 American hostages during the two coming elections (in the U.S. for president and in Iran for the congressional Madjlis), the *Frankfurter Zeitung's* correspondent writes: "One may say that Iran is not in the hands of an Islamic government, but of a Communist apparatus. Totally without the masses being aware."

The leaders of the two Afghan Communist parties, the winning Khalk and the losing leftist Parch, graduated from Lumumba University in Moscow. They ended up shooting at each other, with lynch parties instead of class reunions, so desperate has been the contest to please the Soviets.

The four younger leaders in Iran are also graduates in world peace from Lumumba. But because the Iranians are kissing kin, it is doubtful that grandfather will give them permission to murder each other.

Is Iran likely to go anti-Communist, either through the Revolutionary Council or the new Madjlis, while Khomeini runs both Marxist parties? While these parties run the university prison, why take even a chance of delivering the 50 hostages to the Parliament?

If Carter can be hustled into war with Brezhnev, there's a chance that both Communist parties and their new congressmen can come out of the closet of being "independents." Then Iran goes Stalinist, just like Cuba under Castro, because "the brutal Americans did it."

In a mine as dark as this, watch the flutters of the Kenieri.

. . . and postscripts

OPC'er Richard C. Rowson informs that he has left Pergamon Press, where he served as publisher, to become president of R. R. Bowker, a Xerox publishing company that provides information services to book publishers and libraries.

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Werner N. Brandis, consulting editor of World Broadcast News, is in Geneva for various conferences of the European Broadcasting Union, including the 31st session of the Radio Program Committee, and to cover an International Telecommunications Union meeting. Just before he left, Ruth W. Stidger, who succeeded him as president of the New York Business Press Editors, announced that the club had established a fund in memory of Werner's late wife, Betty. The fund will provide scholarship help for communications and journalism majors. OPC'er Larry Stessin is first vice president of the Business

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Victor Boesen reports that the German edition of "Edward Sheriff Curtis: Visions of a Vanishing Race," which he co-authored with Curtis' daughter for Crowell in 1976, has sold out its first printing. The book contains several score of Curtis' Indian photographs, of which he made 40,000 in a 30-year career. The book's text is based on newly discovered documents.

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